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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
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BIGGLESWADE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,—

I beg to submit the Annual Report upon the Health and Sanitary circumstances of the Biggleswade Rural District for the year 1938.

The Report has been prepared on the lines suggested by the Ministry of Health in the Circular No. 1728, dated 25th October, 1938.

I should like to express my thanks to the Clerk to the Council for his assistance and also to your Sanitary Inspector and his staff for their co-operation, which has always been freely given.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Ladbrooke,

C. A. HARVEY,

Biggleswade.

Medical Officer of Health.

June, 1939.

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PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

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Chief Sanitary Inspector:
C. M. ROBINSON, F.S.I.A., Cert. R.S.I.
as Sanitary Inspector, and Meat and Foods Inspector.

Additional Sanitary Inspector:
H. W. PRIDMORE, Cert. S.I.B. as Sanitary Inspector.

Junior Assistant Inspector:
D. W. POPE.

Housing Assistant:
P. MILLER.

Clerk:
Miss D. SIVYER.

JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

Medical Officer:
FRANCIS BOLSTER, M.D.

Matron:
Miss M. WRIGHT.

Section A.—STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Area (Acres) | 49,152 |
| Population (Census 1931) | 20,962 |
| Population, Registrar-General's Estimate for 1938 | 24,960 |
| Number of inhabited houses end of 1938 according to Rate Books | 5,802 |
| Rateable Value | £85,200 0 0 |
| Sum represented by a penny rate | £336 3 11 |

Social Conditions

The main occupation in the district is that of Market Gardening and Farming.

In addition the following industries are also carried on and employ a considerable number of people:—

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Arlesey | Brickmaking |
| Cockayne Hatley..... | Apple Orchards |
| Meppershall | Glove making |
| Potton | Leather dressing and parchment making |
| Shefford | Laundries |
| Stotfold | Engineering Works |

At Henlow there is a large Depot of the Royal Air Force and the Officer Commanding has collaborated willingly with the Officers of your Authority in matters of common public health interest.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

Live Births:

| | Total. | Males. | Females. |
|--------------------|--------|--------|----------|
| Legitimate | 306 | 157 | 149 |
| Illegitimate | 12 | 8 | 4 |

Birth-rate, 12.7 per 1,000 estimated resident population.

Still-births:

| | Total. | Males. | Females. |
|--------------------|--------|--------|----------|
| Legitimate | 21 | 12 | 9 |
| Illegitimate | 3 | 2 | 1 |

Rate, 70.1 per 1,000 total (live and still) births.

| | Total. | Males. | Females. |
|--------------|--------|--------|----------|
| Deaths | 204 | 101 | 103 |

Death-rate, *7.1 per 1,000 estimated resident population.

Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and child birth:

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| From sepsis | 0 |
| From other causes | 0 |

Death-rate of Infants under one year of age:—

| | |
|---|------|
| All infants per 1,000 live births | 37.7 |
| Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births | 35.9 |
| Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births | 83.3 |
| Deaths from Measles (all ages) | 0 |
| Deaths from Whooping-cough (all ages) | 1 |
| Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) | 0 |

POPULATION.

The population as estimated by the Registrar-General mid-year 1938 was 24,960. This represents an increase of 1,710 since the previous year, which is largely due to change of personnel at the R.A.F. Depot at Henlow.

BIRTHS.

The number of births registered during the year was 318, which is 26 more than in 1937. This gives a birth-rate of 12.7 per 1,000 of the population as compared with 12.56 for 1937.

The birth-rate for England and Wales for 1938 was 15.1.

Twelve illegitimate births were registered in 1938 as compared with 12 in 1937. This figure equals 3.7 per cent. of the total births.

The number of still births was 24, being a rate of 70.1 per 1,000 of all births.

DEATHS.

The number of deaths registered in 1938 was 204, a decrease of 45 from the previous year. This gives a death-rate of 7.1 as compared with 9.3 in 1937.

There has been no unusual or excessive mortality during the year.

The death-rate for England and Wales for 1938 was 11.6.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

There were 12 deaths of infants under one year of age, an increase of 6 from the previous year. This gives an Infantile Mortality Rate of 37.7 per thousand live births as compared with 20.54 in 1937.

The Infantile Mortality Rate for England and Wales for 1938 was 53.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

The following table gives the causes of death:—

| | M. | F. |
|--|--------|-----|
| Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers | 0 ... | 0 |
| Measles | 0 ... | 0 |
| Scarlet Fever | 0 ... | 0 |
| Whooping Cough | 1 ... | 0 |
| Diphtheria | 1 ... | 0 |
| Influenza | 1 ... | 0 |
| Encephalitis Lethargica | 0 ... | 0 |
| Cerebro-Spinal Fever | 0 ... | 0 |
| Tuberculosis of Respiratory System | 1 ... | 3 |
| Other Tuberculous Diseases | 1 ... | 0 |
| Syphilis | 0 ... | 0 |
| General Paralysis of the Insane, Tabes Dorsalis | 0 ... | 0 |
| Cancer Malignant Disease | 18 ... | 27 |
| Diabetes | 3 ... | 3 |
| Cerebral Hæmorrhage, etc. | 6 ... | 9 |
| Heart Disease | 21 ... | 27 |
| Aneurysm | 0 ... | 0 |
| Other Circulatory Diseases | 7 ... | 4 |
| Bronchitis | 0 ... | 4 |
| Pneumonia (all forms) | 9 ... | 1 |
| Other Respiratory Diseases | 1 ... | 1 |
| Peptic Ulcer | 1 ... | 0 |
| Diarrhœa, etc. (under 2 years) | 0 ... | 0 |
| Appendicitis | 1 ... | 0 |
| Cirrhosis of Liver | 0 ... | 0 |
| Other Diseases of Liver, etc. | 0 ... | 0 |
| Other Digestive Diseases | 4 ... | 0 |
| Acute and Chronic Nephritis | 4 ... | 2 |
| Puerperal Sepsis | 0 ... | 0 |
| Other Puerperal Causes | 0 ... | 0 |
| Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, Malformation, etc. | 5 ... | 4 |
| Senility | 4 ... | 6 |
| Suicide | 0 ... | 0 |
| Other Violence | 8 ... | 2 |
| Other Defined Diseases | 4 ... | 9 |
| Causes ill-defined or unknown | 0 ... | 1 |
| | — | — |
| | 101 | 103 |
| | — | — |

STATISTICAL TABLE 1932--1938.

| YEAR | DEATH RATE. | | BIRTH RATE | | INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE. | |
|------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Biggleswade R.D. | England and Wales. | Biggleswade R.D. | England and Wales. | Biggleswade R.D. | England and Wales. |
| 1932 | 12.8 | 12.0 | 15.7 | 15.5 | 62.6 | 65.0 |
| 1933 | 11.0 | 12.3 | 14.7 | 14.4 | 57.1 | 64.0 |
| 1934 | 8.8 | 11.8 | 13.2 | 14.8 | 49.6 | 59.0 |
| 1935 | 8.4 | 11.7 | 14.4 | 14.7 | 19.5 | 57.0 |
| 1936 | 8.7 | 12.1 | 12.7 | 14.8 | 48.2 | 59.0 |
| 1937 | 9.3 | 12.4 | 12.56 | 14.9 | 20.54 | 58.0 |
| 1938 | *7.1 | 11.6 | 12.7 | 15.1 | 37.7 | 53.0 |

Section B.—GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Bacteriological Examinations.

Arrangements are made whereby medical men practising in the district can obtain free Bacteriological Examinations in cases of Diphtheria, Typhoid Fever and Meningitis. These examinations are carried out by the Lister Institute, as the Council does not possess the necessary fitted laboratory.

Provision of Antitoxin.

Medical men practising in the district can obtain a free supply of Diphtheria Antitoxin. It is kept at the Isolation Hospital, Pottou Road, Biggleswade, and doctors can obtain it according to their requirements.

Ambulance Facilities.

- (a) Infectious Cases.—A motor ambulance is provided by the Joint Hospital Board, and is stationed at the Hospital.
- (b) Non-Infectious and Accident Cases.—A new ambulance maintained jointly by the Biggleswade Rural District Council, Biggleswade Urban District Council and the Sandy Urban District Council is stationed at Biggleswade and serves the area under the control of the three Councils. This arrangement has worked very satisfactorily.

Nursing in the Home.

None provided by this Authority, but the County Council employ a Health Visitor for certain work.

Many of the parishes employ a district nurse, whose services are of the greatest value.

Midwives.

Registration and supervision exercised by the County Council.

*NOTE.—This figure is arrived at by multiplying the crude death rate by 0.87—the adjusting factor supplied by the Registrar-General.

This is necessary in order to make the death-rate of the district comparable with that of England and Wales on the basis of equal sex and age distribution.

Clinics and Treatment Centres under the County Council.

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

Arlesey.
Biggleswade.
Potton.
Shefford.
Stotfold.

ANTE-NATAL and POST NATAL CLINICS.

Shefford.
Stotfold.
Biggleswade.

TUBERCULOSIS.

VENEREAL DISEASE.

St. Andrew's Rooms, Biggleswade. Bedford County Hospital.

Hospitals Provided or Subsidised by the Local Authority or by the County Council.

| Hospital. | Situation. | Authority. | Accommodation. |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| (1) Tuberculosis | ...Mogerhanger Park | ...County Council | — |
| (2) Maternity | Public Assistance Infirmary | " " | |
| (3) Children | ...None | | |
| (4) Isolation | ...Potton Road, Biggleswade | Jointly with ...Biggleswade U.D. | 22 Beds |
| (5) Smallpox | Langford Road, Biggleswade... | Jointly with Biggleswade U.D. | 12 Beds |
| (6) Mental | ...Stotfold | County Council | — |
| (7) Public Assistance Institution | ...London Road, Biggleswade | County Council | — |

Patients in the district are also admitted to General Hospitals in Bedford, Cambridge and Hitchin, and it is understood that many residents subscribe to the funds of these Institutions.

Maternity and Nursing Homes.

The Local Supervising Authority is the County Council.
There is one private nursing home at Shefford.

Prevention of Blindness.

Arrangements by the County Council for the provision of treatment, etc., for persons threatened with blindness.

SECTION C.—SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.

All the 25 parishes in the Rural District are now supplied with water from the public mains.

76 new connections have been made during the year.

Water is supplied to the area by the Biggleswade Water Board and has proved very satisfactory in quality and quantity. Samples were taken during the year at regular intervals, 12 samples in all being submitted for examination, 3 for chemical analysis and 9 for bacteriological examination.

Owing to the very greatly increased amount of water used in the area during the very dry period in July, a slight curtailment in the supply was necessary, especially during the night. This was not due to any reduction in the amount of water being pumped into

the reservoirs, but to the demand exceeding the pumping capacity.

The results of the examinations on each occasion showed the water to be of satisfactory organic and bacterial purity and suitable for the purposes of public supply.

The result of the latest examination was as follows:—

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Appearance | Clear and bright |
| Colour | Normal |
| Odour | Nil |
| Reaction pH Neutral | 7.2 |
| Free Carbonic Acid | 2.2 |
| Electric Conductivity at 20°C | 400 |
| Total Solids, dried at 180°C | 27.0 |
| Chlorine in Chlorides | 1.5 |
| Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate | 19.0 |
| Hardness: Total | 19.0 |
| Temporary | 17.0 |
| Permanent | 2.0 |
| Nitrogen in Nitrates | Nil |
| Nitrites | Absent |
| Free Ammonia | 0.0112 |
| Albuminoid Ammonia | 0.0004 |
| Oxygen Absorbed in 4 hours at 80°F. | 0.010 |
| Metals | Iron..... 0.005 |
| Zinc, etc. | Absent |

Bacteriological Results.

| | |
|--|----------|
| Number of Bacteria growing on Agar per c.c. or ml. | |
| in 1 day at 37°C | 5 |
| Number of Bacteria growing on Agar per c.c. or ml. | |
| in 2 days at 37°C | 41 |
| Number of Bacteria growing on Agar per c.c. or ml. | |
| in 3 days at 20°C | 58 |
| The Bacillus Coli—Absent in..... | 100 c.c. |
| Bacillus Welchii (B. Enteritidis Sporogenes) | |
| Absent in..... | 100 c.c. |

Report.

"This sample is clear and bright and of normal colour. The water is hard in character, although not unduly so, contains no excess of saline or mineral matter in solution, no metals apart from a negligible trace of iron, and is of satisfactory organic and bacterial purity.

These results indicate a pure and wholesome water, suitable for the purposes of public supply."

Shallow Wells.

Thirteen samples of water from shallow wells supplying dwelling-houses were submitted for analysis, 9 of which were reported to be unfit for drinking and domestic purposes, and in eight cases arrangements were made to lay on a supply from the public mains.

Extensions or Improvements.

New mains laid during the year:—

96 yards 3-inch, Vaughan Road, Stotfold.

232 yards 3-inch, Deepdale, Potton.

Due to the increased consumption of water in the village of Meppershall, caused by the rapidly increased demand for the public supply for the use of water in glasshouses, the Rural Council installed an automatic booster, which now maintains an adequate pressure in the mains.

The Water Board's Scheme for the augmentation of supply from the Dunton Station is nearing completion.

| Parish. | No. of inhabited dwelling- houses, Dec. 31st, 1938. | No. of Houses Supplied. |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Arlesey | 769 | 778 |
| Astwick | 12 | 12 |
| Blunham | 181 | 162 |
| Campton | 107 | 102 |
| Chicksands | 11 | 5 |
| Clifton | 294 | 298 |
| Cockayne Hatley | 37 | 33 |
| Dunton | 123 | 130 |
| Edworth | 19 | 25 |
| Everton | 61 | 56 |
| Eyeworth | 28 | 26 |
| Henlow | 340 | 340 |
| Langford | 341 | 344 |
| Meppershall | 173 | 155 |
| Mogerhanger | 136 | 134 |
| Northill | 371 | 365 |
| Potton | 626 | 621 |
| Shefford | 513 | 507 |
| Southill | 306 | 291 |
| Stondon, Upper | 17 | 14 |
| Stotfold | 913 | 897 |
| Sutton | 69 | 65 |
| Tempsford | 130 | 125 |
| Warden | 99 | 97 |
| Wrestlingworth | 126 | 124 |
| Totals | 5802 | 5706 |

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Arlesey, Potton and Stotfold.

Main drainage schemes are in operation in these three parishes.

With very few exceptions the whole of the premises in the drainage area are now connected to sewers.

Shefford, Clifton and Henlow.

In previous annual reports attention has been called to the necessity for a modern drainage and sewerage scheme for the above parishes. The County Council are now considering this very urgent question, and it is to be hoped that in the near future it will be possible that these parishes will have their drainage and sewerage system brought up to date, and that the parish of Langford will be included in the scheme.

Public Cleansing.

Weekly collections of house refuse are made in the parishes of Arlesey, Henlow, Langford, Potton and Shefford and a monthly collection in the remainder of the district.

Further details of the work done is given on page 26.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

The report of the Sanitary Inspector, showing the number of inspections carried out and the action taken with regard to the defects and nuisances discovered is appended to this report.

Swimming Pools.

There is one privately owned swimming pool in the district, but this was not at all extensively used during the season. A modified form of filtration has been introduced, but should considerable numbers of people use this pool regularly, the question of installing a modern purifying plant will have to be considered.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

During the year 15 dwellinghouses were found to be infested, 5 being Council houses and 10 privately owned.

Disinfestation was carried out in each case by the Council's own workmen; in the case of privately owned dwellings the actual cost of material and labour being paid by the owners.

The method adopted in unoccupied houses is to remove all paper hangings, skirtings, architraves and floorboards where necessary and to spray with a liquid insecticide, Zaldecide being generally used.

Where the premises are occupied, Lawes block disinfestators are also used in addition to spraying.

In badly infested cases spraying is repeated after a lapse of ten days.

Schools.

The sanitary condition of the schools in the area is satisfactory and all the schools are now provided with water through the public supply.

One school was closed for one day prior to the summer vacation, on account of an outbreak of mumps.

Section D—HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year:—

| | | |
|---|--|------|
| 1 | (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 655 |
| | (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | 2042 |
| 2 | (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under subhead (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 | 287 |
| | (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | 1066 |
| 3 | Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | 183 |
| 4 | Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding subhead) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation | 456 |

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of formal Notices:—

| | |
|---|-----|
| Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers | 165 |
|---|-----|

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:—

A.—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:—

| | |
|---|---|
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs | 8 |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:— | |
| (a) By Owners | 8 |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... | 0 |

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—

| | |
|---|----|
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | 14 |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:— | |
| (a) By Owners | 12 |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... | 0 |
| C.—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936: | |
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | 7 |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders | 15 |
| D.—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:— | |
| (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made | 0 |
| (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit | 0 |

Housing Act, 1936—Part IV.—Overcrowding.

| | | |
|---------|--|------------|
| (a) (i) | Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of year | 24 |
| (ii) | Number of families dwelling therein | 24 |
| (iii) | Number of persons dwelling therein | Adults 128 |
| | Children | 40 |
| (b) | Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year | 10 |
| (c) (i) | Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year | 6 |
| (ii) | Number of persons concerned in such cases | Adults 33 |
| | Children | 12 |
| (d) | Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding | — |
| (e) | Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding | — |

HOUSING.

The following table shows the number of houses built by the Council, including 30 completed during the year under review.

At the end of the year 22 others were in course of construction and nearing completion:

| Parish | Assisted | | Housing Act 1924 | Housing Act 1925 | Housing Act 1930 | Housing Act 1936 | Housing Act (Financial Provision) 1938 | Totals |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--|--------|
| | Pre- War 1914 | Housing Scheme 1919 | | | | | | |
| Arlesey | — | 52 | 92 | 36 | 2 | — | — | 182 |
| Blunham | — | 10 | 14 | — | 6 | — | — | 30 |
| Campton | — | 26 | 6 | — | — | 4 | — | 36 |
| Clifton | — | 32 | 10 | 6 | — | — | — | 48 |
| Dunton | — | 8 | 10 | — | 2 | 2 | — | 22 |
| Everton | — | 6 | 4 | — | — | — | — | 10 |
| Henlow | — | 26 | 12 | — | 4 | 8 | — | 50 |
| Langford | 20 | 42 | 12 | 4 | 8 | — | — | 86 |
| Meppershall ... | — | 12 | 14 | — | 2 | 2 | — | 30 |
| Mogerhanger ... | — | 14 | 20 | — | 4 | — | — | 38 |
| Northill | — | 46 | 30 | — | 2 | — | — | 78 |
| Potton | — | 56 | 50 | — | — | 6 | — | 112 |
| Shefford | — | 44 | 14 | 12 | 2 | — | — | 72 |
| Southill | — | 56 | — | — | — | — | — | 56 |
| Stotfold | — | 61 | 74 | 22 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 167 |
| Sutton | — | 12 | — | — | 4 | — | — | 16 |
| Tempsford | — | 30 | — | — | — | — | — | 30 |
| Upper Stondon | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | 2 |
| Wrestlingworth | — | 16 | — | 6 | 6 | — | — | 28 |
| Totals ... | 20 | 549 | 362 | 86 | 46 | 24 | 6 | 1093 |

HOUSING SURVEY.

A survey was made during the year of the housing conditions in the area and a report was submitted, giving the number of houses considered to be unfit for habitation, the number being 183.

As the report was submitted at the end of the year, a complete statement of those houses upon which demolition orders were made and those which the owners agreed to repair, cannot be given, but will be included in the report for 1939.

Factories

1. Inspections (including inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector):—

| Premises. | Inspections. | Number of | | Prosecutions. |
|------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|---------------|
| | | Written | Notices. | |
| Factories | 124 | — | — | — |
| Workplaces | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 124 | — | — | — |

2. Defects:—

| Particulars. | Found | Referred to | H.M. Insp. | Number of |
|---------------------------|-------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| | | Remedied | | Prosecutions |
| Want of Cleanliness | 8 | 8 | — | — |
| Sanitary Accommodation... | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 8 | 8 | — | — |

Section E.—INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.

Particulars of the bacteriological examination of 22 samples of milk will be found on page 25.

In all cases where the results were not considered satisfactory a copy of the report was sent to the Dairyman concerned.

The Milk (Special Designations) Order 1936.

I am informed by the County Sanitary Inspector that 21 persons within the Biggleswade Rural District were licensed during the year to use the special designation "Accredited" and three for "Tuberculin Tested" milk.

Meat and Other Foods.

This is carried out by your Sanitary Inspectors. A record of the work done and the action taken may be found in the report appended hereto.

Section F.—PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year:—

| Disease. | Total Cases Notified. | Cases admitted to Hospital. | Total Deaths. |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Smallpox | — | — | — |
| Scarlet Fever | 30 | 23 | — |
| Diphtheria | 8 | 8 | 4 |
| Enteric Fever | — | — | — |
| (including Paratyphoid) | | | |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | 1 | — | — |
| Pneumonia | 28 | — | — |
| Erysipelas | 7 | — | — |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum | 1 | 1 | — |
| Dysentery | 1 | 1 | — |

The distribution of the chief notifiable diseases in the district is shown in the following table:—

| Parish. | Diphtheria. | Erysipelas | Pneumonia | Puerperal Pyrexia. | Scarlet Fever. | Ophthalmia Neonatorum | Dysentery |
|--------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Astwick | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — |
| Arlesey | — | 1 | — | — | 3 | — | — |
| Blunham | — | 2 | — | — | 3 | — | — |
| Campton | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — |
| Clifton | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| Edworth | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Everton | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| Henlow | 2 | 2 | 11 | — | 6 | — | 1 |
| Mogerhanger ... | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — |
| Northill | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — |
| Potton | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| Shefford | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Southill | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | 7 | — | — |
| Stotfold | — | 2 | 13 | — | 1 | — | — |
| Tempsford | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | — |
| Wrestlingworth ... | 1 | — | — | — | 2 | — | — |
| | 8 | 7 | 28 | 1 | 30 | 1 | 1 |

An analysis of notified cases is set out under age groups in the following table:—

| | Under one year | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 35 | 45 | 55 | 65 | 65 and over |
|-------------------|----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------------------|
| Diphtheria | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | 2 | 3 | — | — | — | — |
| Scarlet Fever ... | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | 5 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 1 | — | — | — |
| Pneumonia | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | 11 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 2 |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Erysipelas | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | 3 | — | 2 |
| Ophthalmia | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Neonatorum | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Dysentery | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — |

Immunisation Against Diphtheria.

Under the Council's Scheme 64 children of school age were given protective inoculation against diphtheria during the year. Although no serious outbreak of diphtheria occurred during the year, the fact that protective inoculation should be obtained before the disease becomes epidemic must again be stressed.

There was one death from diphtheria during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS.

| Age Periods. | NEW CASES. | | | | DEATHS. | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|----|------------------|----|--------------|----|------------------|----|
| | Respiratory. | | Non-Respiratory. | | Respiratory. | | Non-Respiratory. | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| 0— | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 1— | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | — |
| 5— | 1 | — | 1 | 2 | — | — | — | — |
| 15— | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| 25— | 2 | 4 | — | 1 | 1 | 2 | — | — |
| 35— | 1 | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 45— | 2 | 3 | — | — | — | 1 | — | — |
| 55— | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| and upwards | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Totals | 12 | 14 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | — |

The total number of notifications of tuberculosis was 35, of which 7 had been previously notified.

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.

No action was taken in respect of tuberculous employees in the milk trade under the above regulations.

Public Health Act, 1925, Section 62.

(Compulsory removal to hospital).

No action was taken.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1938.

To the Chairman and Members of the Biggleswade Rural
District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,—

I have the honour to present to you my twenty-seventh Annual Report of the work carried out by your Sanitary Inspectors during the year ending 31st December, 1938.

The following table shows the number of inspections made for all purposes:

Summary of Inspections.

| | |
|--|------|
| Dwelling-houses inspected under the Public Health or Housing Acts | 655 |
| Number of Dwelling-houses inspected and recorded under the Housing Regulations 1925 (included above) | 287 |
| Re-inspections and visits to works in progress | 1100 |
| Visits to Council Houses re defects and works in progress ... | 3541 |
| Visits to new buildings in course of erection | 1043 |
| Inspection of factories including bakehouses | 124 |
| Inspection of dairies and cowsheds | 272 |
| Inspection of petroleum stores | 72 |
| Visits re infectious disease | 41 |
| Rooms disinfected | 48 |
| Slaughter houses and Foodshops | 1420 |
| Other miscellaneous visits | 3115 |

Notices Served.

120 Intimation Notices or letters were sent, dealing with 201 premises, and 8 Statutory Notices were served in connection with 14 dwelling-houses.

SANITARY WORK CARRIED OUT

The following list sets out in the first column the work carried out by owners of property in the district at the request of the Sanitary Inspectors, and in the second column the general repairs carried out in connection with Council houses, under the supervision of this department:—

Dwelling Houses.

| | Private Property. | Council Houses |
|--|-------------------|----------------|
| Houses redecorated | — | 67 |
| Roofs, chimneys, eaves guttering and fallpipes repaired or renewed | 45 | 146 |
| External walls repaired | 30 | — |

| | | |
|--|----|-----|
| Walls, ceilings and floors repaired | 98 | 132 |
| Stairs, doors and windows repaired | 84 | 131 |
| Improved lighting | 28 | — |
| Electric switches repaired or replaced | — | 54 |
| Firegrates, ranges or coppers repaired | 25 | 597 |
| New ranges fixed | — | 12 |
| New coppers fixed | — | 103 |
| New copper pans fixed | — | 31 |
| Dampness remedied | 40 | 5 |
| Houses underpinned | — | 5 |
| Chimney pots fixed | — | 10 |
| New sinks provided or repaired and wastepipes trapped or repaired | 25 | 83 |
| Rooms cleansed | — | 335 |
| Water supply laid on | 14 | — |
| Overcrowding of dwellinghouses abated | 5 | 1 |
| New foodstores provided | 14 | — |
| Means of ventilation provided to foodstores | — | — |
| Outhouses repaired | 18 | — |
| Yards paved | 8 | — |
| Verminous houses disinfested | 4 | 5 |
| Nuisance from animals and poultry abated | 4 | — |
| Taps repaired, rewashed or renewed | — | 408 |
| Burst pipes repaired | 2 | 88 |
| Firebricks provided | — | 492 |
| Draining boards provided | — | 41 |
| Locks repaired or renewed | — | 45 |
| Fences, and gates repaired or renewed | — | 38 |
| Rainwater tanks repaired | — | 18 |
| Repairs to hot water supply tanks | — | 6 |
| New bridge over ditch | — | 1 |

Drainage.

| | | |
|--|----|----|
| Houses and premises re-drained | 23 | — |
| Drains cleared, trapped and repaired | 58 | 92 |
| Ventilating shafts and soil pipes provided | 2 | — |
| Cesspools repaired or cleansed | 11 | — |

Sanitary Conveniences and Ash Receptacles.

| | | |
|---|----|-----|
| New W.C. apartments erected | 8 | — |
| New pedestal W.C. basins fixed | 8 | 6 |
| Lavatory seats refixed, repaired or replaced | — | 21 |
| W.C. flushing cisterns regulated, repaired or renewed | 3 | 160 |
| New E.C. pails provided | 1 | 77 |
| Insanitary privies abolished | 1 | — |
| New E.C. apartments erected | 4 | — |
| New ashbins provided | 12 | 78 |
| Existing sanitary conveniences repaired | 4 | — |

| | | |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| New urinals erected | 1 | — |
|---------------------------|---|---|

Cowsheds and Dairies.

| | | |
|--|----|---|
| Dairies and cowsheds cleansed and limewashed | 52 | — |
| Cowshed floors repaired | 4 | — |
| Cowsheds improved | 4 | — |
| Drainage provided to cowshed | 5 | — |

Miscellaneous.

| | | |
|--|----|----|
| Accumulation of refuse or manure removed | 17 | — |
| Miscellaneous repairs | — | 17 |
| Length of foul ditches cleansed, 6 miles. | | |

NEW BUILDINGS.

During the year 111 plans in respect of 122 proposed new buildings were deposited and approved and the following were erected:—

| | |
|---|----|
| Dwelling-houses | 47 |
| Public house | 1 |
| Cinema | 1 |
| Shops | 2 |
| Factory | 1 |
| Garage showrooms | 1 |
| Piggeries and farm buildings | 8 |
| Garages, barns and other outbuildings | 9 |
| Electricity sub-Station | 1 |
| Malt store | 1 |
| Brick kiln | 1 |
| Cycle shed | 1 |

Alterations and additions.

| | |
|---|----|
| Additions to dwellinghouses | 11 |
| Alterations to public house | 1 |
| Alterations to Church hall | 1 |
| Alterations to flour mill | 1 |
| Extension to entertainment centre | 1 |
| Conversion of one house into four flats | 1 |

The parishes in which the dwellinghouses were erected are as follows:—

| | | | |
|-------------------|---|----------------------|----|
| Arlesey | 4 | Potton | 3 |
| Blunham | 1 | Northill | 3 |
| Campton | 2 | Shefford | 2 |
| Clifton | 1 | Southill | 1 |
| Henlow | 4 | Stotfold | 14 |
| Langford | 5 | Warden | 2 |
| Meppershall | 2 | Wrestlingworth | 1 |
| Mogerhanger | 2 | | |

In addition to the above, 30 dwellinghouses were erected by the Council in the following parishes:—

| | | | |
|---------------|---|-------------------|---|
| Campton | 4 | Meppershall | 2 |
| Dunton | 2 | Potton | 6 |
| Henlow | 8 | Stotfold | 8 |

Building Bye-laws.

The bye-laws relating to new buildings have been revised and submitted to the Minister of Health for Confirmation.

HOUSING (RURAL WORKERS) ACTS.

This Act is administered by the Bedfordshire County Council.

During the year under review one cottage at Wrestlingworth was renovated and three cottages at Southill renovated and converted into two separate dwellings.

In each case a grant was made to the owners.

HOUSING ACT 1936.

Overcrowding.

| | Private. | Council. | Total. |
|--|----------|----------|--------|
| Cases outstanding at the close of 1937 | 16 | 4 | 20 |
| Cases reviewed and found to be overcrowded | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| | 22 | 8 | 30 |
| Abated during 1938 | 7 | 3 | 10 |
| Remaining on books, December 31st, 1938 ... | 15 | 5 | 20 |

Of those still remaining on the books,

| | |
|----|--|
| 11 | exceed the permitted number by $\frac{1}{2}$ unit. |
| 4 | " " " " " " " 1 " |
| 2 | " " " " " " " $1\frac{1}{2}$ units |
| 1 | " " " " " " " 2 " |
| 2 | " " " " " " " $2\frac{1}{2}$ " |

By this it will be seen that 15 out of the 20 cases are only slightly overcrowded, 3 cases are those of owner occupiers, 5 cases are in very poor circumstances with small families and are at present in very cheap cottages.

In several other cases it is expected that the overcrowding will shortly be abated.

FACTORIES.

There are 83 Factories on the Register and 124 visits of inspections have been made.

The following is a list of the premises on the Register:—

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|----|------------------------------|----|
| Bakers | 20 | Malt Makers | 2 |
| Blacksmiths | 3 | Motor and Cycle Engineers .. | 10 |
| Brickmakers | 1 | Mineral Water Works | 1 |
| Brewers | 1 | Laundries | 2 |
| Carpenters and Plumbers ... | 22 | Portable Building | |
| Cooked Food Manufacturers : | 1 | Manufacturers | 1 |
| Cabinet Makers | 2 | Printers | 1 |
| Engineering Works | 2 | Sawmills | 3 |
| Fellmongers and Parchment | | Stonemasons | 1 |
| Makers | 1 | Wheelwright | 3 |
| Flour Millers | 4 | Artificial Manure Makers ... | 1 |
| Glove Makers | 1 | | |

Outworkers.

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Needleworkers | 1 |
| Hat Makers | 5 |
| Glove Makers | 33 |
| | 39 |

Factories Act 1937.

Under Section 34 of this Act it is the duty of the Council to examine the factories in their district in order to ascertain that they are provided with such means of escape in case of fire for the persons employed therein as may reasonably be required, and upon being satisfied that such provision is made, to grant a certificate accordingly.

All the factories have been visited for this purpose, and those coming within this section have been granted certificates after any additional requirements had been carried out.

FOOD SUPPLY.

Slaughterhouses and Foodshops.

There are twenty-two slaughterhouses in the district, sixteen of which are licensed annually, and six are registered; there is also one knacker's yard.

During the year 1420 visits of inspection have been made and out of an approximate total of 102,837 animals slaughtered, 10,132 carcasses were examined.

An endeavour is made to inspect as many animals slaughtered as possible with the available staff at our disposal, but at one private abattoir, where a large number of pigs are slaughtered for the London markets, efficient inspection would take up the whole time of one inspector.

In this case, however, considerable assistance is given by the owner of the abattoir, who employs an unqualified inspector to examine all carcasses and detain any diseased or doubtful ones for the special attention of the Sanitary Inspector.

The following table sets out the number of animals slaughtered and the carcasses inspected:

Carcasses Inspected and Condemned.

| | Cattle, excluding Cows. | Cows. | Calves. | Sheep and Lambs. | Pigs. |
|--|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------------------|--------|
| Number killed (if known) | 1301 | 39 | 21 | 2238 | 99238 |
| Number inspected ... | 777 | 38 | 19 | 1181 | 8117 |
| All diseases except Tuberculosis. Whole carcasses condemned | 1 | — | — | 3 | 321 |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ... | 10 | 4 | — | 2 | 2785 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis | 1.287% | 10.526% | — | 0.423% | 34.31% |
| Tuberculosis only. Whole carcasses condemned | 3 | 6 | 1 | — | 35 |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was con- demned | 17 | 13 | — | — | 1569 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis | 2.574% | 50% | 5.263% | — | 19.76% |

Total weight of meat unfit and voluntarily surrendered, 25 tons,
3 cwt. 2 qrs. 8lbs.

The following table gives the details of the unsound or diseased meat dealt with:

Bovines:

| | |
|------------------------|---------------|
| 9 carcasses and offals | Tuberculosis |
| 1 carcase and offal | Injuries |
| 1 forequarter beef | Tuberculosis |
| 1 " " | Injuries |
| 6 heads and tongues | Tuberculosis |
| 2 " " " | Actinomycosis |
| 1 heart and spleen | Tuberculosis |
| 26 sets lungs | Tuberculosis |
| 3 " " | Abscesses |
| 10 livers " | Tuberculosis |
| 4 " " | Parasites |
| 1 liver | Cirrhosis |
| 2 kidneys | Parasites |
| 2 " " | Nephritis |

Calves:

| | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| 1 carcase and offal | Tuberculosis |
| 1 " " " | Emaciation |

Sheep:

| | |
|--------------|------------|
| 3 carcasses | Emaciation |
| 2 sets lungs | Parasites |

Swine:

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 189 carcasses and offals | Fevered |
| 35 " " " | Pleurisy and peritonitis |
| 35 " " " | Tuberculosis |
| 34 " " " | Emaciation. |
| 32 " " " | Injuries |
| 14 " " " | Jaundice |
| 7 " " " | Abscesses |
| 3 " " " | Inflammation |
| 2 " " " | Pneumonia |
| 2 " " " | Droopy |
| 2 " " " | Pyæmia |
| 1 carcase and offal | Urticaria |
| 4350 plucks | Tuberculosis, conæstion etc. |
| 1569 heads | Tuberculosis |
| 2 kidneys | Nephritis |
| 2 " " | Cysts |
| 2 livers | Cirrhosis |

Miscellaneous:

| | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| 3 tins jellied veal | Putrefaction. |
| 1 tin Danish ham | Putrefaction. |
| 1 tin corned beef | Putrefaction. |
| 1 rabbit | Putrefaction. |

Slaughter of Animals Act 1933.

During the year 11 persons made application to slaughter or stun animals in compliance with the terms of this Act and were duly licensed.

| | |
|---|-------|
| Number of licensed slaughtermen on Register, 31st December, 1937 | 71 |
| Number of licences lapsed | 10 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 61 |
| Number of licences renewed | 2 |
| New licences granted | 11 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total on Register, 31st December, 1938 | 74 |

All licences are granted for a period of three years.

Section 2 of the Act regarding the use of mechanically operated instruments for stunning sheep has been considered by the Council but so far has not been adopted.

MILK SUPPLY.

At the close of the year 75 persons were registered under the Milk and Dairies Order of 1926; 2 new dairymen were added to the register and 1 name removed, the person having discontinued business.

Of the 75 persons registered, 59 are cowkeepers and 16 purveyors of milk only.

The parishes in which the cowsheds and dairies are situated are as follows:—

| | | | |
|-----------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| Arlesey | 7 | Meppershall | 4 |
| Astwick | 2 | Mogerhanger | 5 |
| Blunham | 1 | Northill | 5 |
| Chicksands | 2 | Shefford | 1 |
| Clifton | 3 | Southill | 1 |
| Cockayne Hatley | 2 | Stotfold | 6 |
| Dunton | 1 | Sutton | 2 |
| Everton | 2 | Tempsford | 6 |
| Henlow | 3 | Warden | 2 |
| Langford | 2 | Wrestlingworth | 2 |

Eleven dairymen residing outside the district retail milk within the district.

Twenty-two samples of milk were taken and submitted to the School of Agriculture, Cambridge, for bacteriological examination, 13 of which were reported to be satisfactory and 9 unsatisfactory.

A number of samples were also taken in this district by the County Sanitary Inspector, but I have no knowledge as to what percentage of these were unsatisfactory.

I am informed by the County Sanitary Inspector that 24 producers of milk in this district have been licensed under the Milk (Special Designations) Orders 1936, and 1938, as follows:

Tuberculin Tested 3. Accredited 21.

Piggeries.

During the year a number of complaints were received with respect to the intensive keeping of pigs in certain parts of the district, and the Council considered the need for greater control over the establishment of new piggeries and the extension of existing piggeries.

It was therefore decided to define on the Town Planning Map the areas where it was considered that pig keeping on the intensive system might be regarded as generally unsuitable owing to proximity to existing development or land likely to be used for future development, and that in such areas pig keeping should only be permitted by special consent.

These proposals will be further dealt with at the Ministry of Health enquiry into the Council's Town Planning Proposals.

Legal Proceedings.

Proceedings were taken before the Magistrates against a person for contravention of the Building Byelaws in failing to give notice in writing of his intention to erect a new building.

The defendant was fined £4 including costs.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE.

Arlesey.

Owing to considerable wear, and loss in efficiency of the pumps at the Church End Sub Station, it was decided to replace them with new pumps.

Tenders were obtained, and that of the Mirrless Watson Co. Ltd. to supply two new pumps for the sum of £99 2s. was accepted. The cost of erection amounted to £7 10s.

These pumps have proved satisfactory.

Owing to settlement in one end of the building at the Main Station, in which the pumps, etc., are housed, it became necessary to have a portion of the building under-pinned.

Potton.

The works and plant have been maintained in a satisfactory manner, although the existing pumps, which were installed about 35 years ago, require constant attention and renewals to keep them in an efficient condition to deal with the sewage. During the year the pumps have worked 1,914 hours, an average of 5 hours 14 minutes per day.

It may be necessary for the replacement of these pumps to be considered in the near future.

A new three-inch power driven chain pump has been installed for the removal of the sludge.

Stotfold.

The two new pumps installed at the outfall works in 1937 have continued to give satisfactory service.

During the past year the second 4 b.h.p. electric motor was replaced by one of $7\frac{1}{2}$ b.h.p., this being found necessary owing to the larger pumps installed, the small 4 b.h.p. motors being transferred to the Sub Station.

Considerable trouble was experienced with the control panels at the works, and acting upon the advice of an electrician who was called in to examine them, it was decided to obtain estimates for new control gear and pressure switches.

The tender of the Igranic Electric Co. Ltd., amounting to £73 10s. was accepted, and since the new apparatus has been installed, no further trouble has been experienced.

Owing to the small pumps at the Brook End Sub Station having become incapable of carrying out their work efficiently, it was decided to instal new pumps of greater capacity, and the tender of the Mirrlees Watson Co. Ltd. of £31 10s. was accepted, the cost of erection being an additional £26 10s.

As a result of the above work, together with the new pump installed the previous year, there has been a considerable reduction in the consumption of electricity.

Rainfall.

Rainfall is recorded at Arlesey, Potton and Stotfold Sewage Works, the amounts recorded during the year being as follows:—

| Month. | ARLESEY. | | POTTON. | | STOTFOLD. | |
|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Rainfall in inches. | Days on which rain fell. | Rainfall in inches. | Days on which rain fell. | Rainfall in inches. | Days on which rain fell. |
| January | 2.42 | 20 | 2.32 | 15 | 2.32 | 19 |
| February | .49 | 9 | .37 | 5 | .37 | 7 |
| March | .30 | 5 | .27 | 3 | .25 | 3 |
| April | .07 | 5 | .11 | 4 | .11 | 4 |
| May | 2.08 | 11 | 1.75 | 9 | 1.88 | 11 |
| June | .40 | 7 | .51 | 6 | .37 | 6 |
| July | 1.77 | 15 | 1.01 | 7 | 1.41 | 13 |
| August | 2.78 | 13 | 3.48 | 10 | 2.08 | 9 |
| September | 1.55 | 11 | 1.31 | 8 | 1.64 | 14 |
| October | 2.29 | 14 | 2.37 | 14 | 1.98 | 15 |
| November | 2.20 | 14 | 1.78 | 10 | 1.86 | 15 |
| December | 2.45 | 11 | 3.60 | 11 | 2.52 | 13 |
| | 18.80 | 135 | 18.88 | 102 | 16.79 | 129 |

Refuse Collection.

Household refuse and night soil is removed weekly in the parishes of Henlow, Langford and Shefford.

A weekly collection of dry refuse is made in Arlesey and Potton.

Throughout the remainder of the Rural District a monthly collection of incombustible refuse is made.

The work is carried out by Contract, with the exception of the parish of Arlesey, where the Council carry out the work by direct labour under the direction of the Parochial Committee.

The contract prices for the schemes in operation at the close of the year were as follows:—

| | | | | |
|----------------------------------|----|----|---|-----------|
| Henlow | £4 | 10 | 0 | per week |
| Langford | £4 | 0 | 0 | " " |
| Shefford | £8 | 0 | 0 | " " |
| Potton (dry refuse only) | £2 | 5 | 0 | " " |
| Stotfold (dry refuse only) | £7 | 5 | 0 | per month |

In eighteen other parishes a monthly collection of incombustible refuse is made at a cost of £18 a month.

The cost of the weekly collection of all household refuse in the parish of Arlesey by direct labour amounted to £3 5s. per week.

PETROLEUM LICENCES.

| | |
|--|----|
| Licences renewed January 1st, 1938 | 75 |
| New licences granted during the year | 1 |
| Number of stores licensed December 31st, 1938 | 76 |
| Quantity of petrol permitted to be kept in licensed stores, 52,536 gallons. | |

CARBIDE OF CALCIUM.

| | |
|---|---|
| Licences renewed January 1st, 1938 | 8 |
| New licences granted during the year | 0 |
| Number of stores licensed December 31st, 1938 | 8 |
| Quantity of carbide permitted to be kept in licensed stores, 12 cwt. | |

Amount collected in fees for Petrol and Carbide licences,
£47 12s. 11d.

Conclusion.

I would again take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council, the Clerk and Medical Officer of Health, for their consideration and support, also to the staff of the Public Health Department for their loyal co-operation.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C. M. ROBINSON,

Sanitary Surveyor and Inspector.

Council Offices,
Biggleswade.
June, 1939.

